NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

Weekly Staff Newsletter
July 2, 1999

LIVE MANDALA WEB CAMERA ONLY AT THE FIELD MUSEUM

Before July 10, be sure to take a look at the Live Mandala Web camera on our Web site (it's accessible from our home page: *www.fieldmuseum.org*). The camera allows Web visitors to watch the Tibetan sand mandala being created in Stanley Field Hall from June 26 to July 10, 10am-5pm.

Simply click on the Live Mandala Web Camera banner image to load up the mandala camera page. Then click on the image to move the camera. For example, select a zoom of 12, then click on the center of the mandala. Wow!

This is an example of super quick team effort. The Web team (**Lori Breslauer, Brad Loetel, Allyson Meyer**) first learned the sand mandala would be created last Tuesday when **Joe Byrnes** in Education asked if digital images of the mandala could be posted on our Web site. The Web team thought instead that this would be the perfect opportunity for another Web camera, if our Sue Web camera partner, Perceptual Robotics, Inc. was up for the task. They were. By Friday morning the camera was mounted and the software was installed and running—just before Brad and Ally headed to San Francisco for the weeklong Web 99 conference.

From Tuesday to Friday, the Web team pulled together content and images for the supporting text, designed the Web pages, secured the camera and server, and worked with PR to be included in a media alert. We had a lot of last minute, drop everything help from folks in Computing, Education, Exhibits, Facilities, Graphics, Photography, Publications, and Public Relations. Special thanks to **Jim Koeppl, Neil Young, Joe Byrnes, David Foster, Juan Hernandez, Sheldon Moy, Ernst Toussant, Amanda Reeves, Nina Cummings, Rob Vosper,** and **Nancy O'Shea**. An extra special thanks to the great folks at **Perceptual Robotics, Inc.**, and to **Julie Pitzen** for content help.

Submitted by **Mark Alvey**

Let's celebrate!

The Exhibits Department and Human Resources are hosting a museum-wide party!

Casual food and drink • Friday, July 9 at 5 p.m. on the West Terrace
RSVP to Martina Hough at ext. 7325

Congratulations on a great year!

Underground Adventure • Margaret Mee • Butterfly Garden
The Art of Being Kuna • Tibetan Art of Healing • The Art of the Motorcycle
Origins • Women in Science • Bulls' Trophies • Insects • Swedish Folk Art
Arapaho • La Guadalupana • Mexican Poster Art • Charles Carpenter
China's Feathered Dinosaurs

FIELD NOTES

Week of July 5

Public Events/Special Events

Museum Open Until 8 p.m.
• Thursday

Staff/Volunteer Events

Staff Holiday
• Monday

Aerobics Class
• Tuesday 5 p.m.
Ground Floor, East Stairwell
• Thursday 5 p.m. Clrm A

Tuesday Noon Seminar Series
• Zoology Classroom

Running Club
• Wednesday 5 p.m.
Meets at West Door

ATTENTION MOVIE BUFFS

Call or stop by the Human Resources office for discounted movie tickets for Loews/Cineplex Odeon/Sony Theatres for only $5. (Check your newspaper to make sure discounted tickets may be used for your movie.) THERE IS AN EIGHT-WEEK DELAY FOR STAR WARS TICKETS.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Chase is on once again!

Thursday, August 5, 1999. The race begins at 6:45 p.m. in Grant Park.

The Field Museum will be participating once again in the Chase Corporate Challenge, a 3.5-mile road race involving thousands of individuals from corporations and institutions throughout Chicago. Last year, more than 120 people from the Field came out for the race and this year we would like to have even more. This is a fun way to socialize with others at the Museum and get a little exercise while doing it.

Staff members from all areas of the Museum have graciously volunteered to serve as team leaders for their departments and will be passing out entry forms over the next week or two to those interested in entering the race.

The Museum will be covering all entrance fees so the Chase Race is free for any wishing to participate. T-shirts will also be designed for the race and will be available to purchase. The event is open to staff, volunteers and interns.

If you have any questions about the Chase Corporate Challenge, or if you would like to volunteer to work at the Museum's tent on the day of the race, please contact Tracey Pilch in Human Resources at ext. 7279.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by **Tracey Pilch**

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES • JULY

Chap Kusimba	Anthropology	5 years
Harold Voris	Zoology/Amphibians & Reptiles	25 years
Bob Masek	Geology	10 years
Imelda Saucedo	Housekeeping	10 years
Byron Jackson	Security Services	10 years
Edward Mikan	Security Services	10 years
Sue Stott	Education	5 years

FROM THE CITY DESK

Swing out, Chicago!

The City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs is hosting "Chicago Summer Dance" in Grant Park beginning Thursday, July 15.

For 33 nights (Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) and 11 Sunday afternoons, Grant Park will be turned into the smoothest dance floor around. Dance to the swinging sounds of 44 different bands, playing everything from ballroom to zydeco. There are dance lessons beforehand, and everything is free!

Lessons start at 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. The dancing begins each of those evenings at 7:30 and on Sunday afternoons at 3.

Submitted by **Fay Levin**

SECURITY SERVICES

New OSHA standards for staff wearing respirators

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued new requirements for respiratory protection in the workplace. These requirements affect all staff who wear respirators while performing assigned tasks.

A memorandum is being sent to all affected departments outlining the new requirements, with a copy of an OSHA Medical Evaluation Questionnaire and a Respirator Questionnaire. Basically, all employees wearing respirators must complete and bring the Medical Evaluation Questionnaire to Mercyworks, where a Mercyworks physician will determine fitness to wear a respirator. Based on this determination, a pulmonary fitness test may be required.

Watch for the questionnaires and please note the suspense dates for completion. If you have any questions or need clarification of the new standard, please contact **Carole Kasarda**, Human Resources, at ext. 7275 or **Ron Cundiff**, Safety Committee chairman, at ext. 7980.

Call 7999 for emergencies

There still appears to be some confusion on the number to call for emergencies within the Museum. When calling the Security Console for any emergency, e.g., fire, medical emergency, etc., please use **7999**. Please put this number near your phone for reference.

MAJOR EVENTS

Dalai Lama to visit The Field Museum

Attention all staff! In the coming weeks we anticipate a huge amount of interest in the upcoming visit of the Dalai Lama to The Field Museum on Saturday, August 28.

Please direct all outside inquiries to the Dalai Lama info line, (312) 665-7200. Tickets will go on sale August 1 and will be sold through TicketMaster, NOT through The Field Museum.

The specifics of the day's events will be determined as we learn further information about the Dalai Lama's schedule and availability on that day, and we anticipate having the event start time and details about the programming in place by July 15. At that time more detailed information will be made available to the public via the info line.

Please call me with any questions at ext. 7547.

Submitted by **Erica Kelly**

FAN MAIL

Dear Ms. [Mary Ellen] Munley:

Last week's Founder's Day dinner at Rice Hall was such a wonderful event. I really want to thank you and your terrific staff—**Johanna Krynytzky** and **Randell Strickland**—for coordinating the details and being so responsive to our needs. Our members and guests were quite excited to have the mammal exhibits all around them—a virtual safari! It will be a special memory for a long time. Thank you again for your generosity and kindness in accommodating the Chicago Area Peace Corps Association.

Sincerely, Maxine Gere, President

The Field Museum Presents

An Evening with

Robert Thurman:
The Medicine Buddha

Robert Thurman, called "a good friend" by His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, has made the teachings of the Buddha more meaningful and interesting to Americans than any other Westerner. In doing so, he has become one of America's leading voices of sanity and peace in the new millennium. Thurman's work is grounded in more than 35 years of serious academic scholarship. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard and is the author of books and articles about Tibet, Buddhism, art, politics and culture, including *Essential Tibetan Buddhism*, *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, and *Wisdom and Compassion: The Sacred Art of Tibet*. He was the first American to be ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist monk and is the co-founder of Tibet House New York, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture. In discussing "The Medicine Buddha," Dr. Thurman will share how the Tibetan vision of healing is integrated within a total life transformation from a condition of life to a life of enduring happiness. A book signing will follow the presentation.

This lecture is offered in conjunction with THE TIBETAN ART OF HEALING exhibit.

Thursday
July 8, 1999
6:30 p.m.

Staff & Volunteers:

Call ext. 7400 to reserve two free tickets.

$15 ($12 students,
$10 Field Museum members)
Call (312) 665-7400

The Field Museum CHICAGO

It's that time again!

NEW STAFF, INTERN AND VOLUNTEER QUARTERLY ORIENTATION

Friday, July 9
1-4 pm
Lecture Hall 2

The Human Resources Office cordially invites you to attend a special behind-the-scenes tour. This tour has been designed for new staff, interns and volunteers. This welcoming event is targeted toward those individuals who started their employment, internship or volunteer service anytime from the end of March thru July 1999.

This will be your opportunity to meet other new team members and to become acquainted with the academic areas of our institution from an insiders point-of-view.

PLEASE RSVP TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (x7281)
BY *WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.*

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

GUEST PASSES TO SAM'S CLUB!

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Sam's Club Membership Applications are available in the Human Resources Offices.

Submitted by Human Resources, x7281

Feedback about The Field Museum's Women in Science Web site

Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 15:35:17 -0500

what a great site! I can think of a zillion ways this can be used. I have passed on your url to a number of people who I am sure will find it as interesting and useful.

Ann Arbor, MI

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Date: Fri, 19 Feb 1999 00:40:21 -0600

Wow, That Nancy Hensold was great! She was really articulate and admirable, thank you for providing me with this reference. You should give her a promotion or something!

Thanks, A sociology student.

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Date: Mon, 01 Mar 1999 14:15:00 -0600

March 1, 1999

Quite by accident, I heard about your web site on NPR this morning. I was thrilled. You see, the Barrington Area AAUW (American Association of University Women) and the Barrington Area Library have chosen Women in Science as their theme for Women's History Month. We have highlighted books and videos on the subject and on Sat. March 13th from 1-3 pm we are hosting a panel of 9 local women scientists, called Today's Women in Science. These women will discuss their fields and what lead them there to what we hope is an audience of middle and high school students. I wish I had know about your site earlier so I could have promoted it with the information I sent out to science teachers in our school district about our program. Great site!

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Date: Mon, 7 Jun 1999 17:41:02 -0500 (CDT)

My name is Estela and I just read your interview on the Museum's web page. It is very interesting and I am printing it out right now so that my eldest daughter, Christina, may read it. She will be entering the fourth grade in August, and being a child, she has changed her mind so many times about what she wants to do when she grows up. Her latest interest has been in geology. She is fascinated with the little knowledge she has of the movement of the earth's plates, volcanoes, metiorites, and the ocean. Like you when you were young, she has a small problem with math. Her dad will have to help her with that because numbers leave me baffled. Anyway, I'm sure this will inspire her more when she reads the interview tonight, and hopefully we'll get out to the museum during my week off at the end of this month. Thank you.

Director
Field Museum
1200 S. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605

Sir,

On Sunday June 23, 1999 I took my 9 year old nephew to see your wonderful museum. It was the first business for both of us. We had a great afternoon and really enjoyed ourselves.

As we were checking out the area around McDonalds we had a small mishap. Greg was accidentally tripped and fell, really banging his knee. Immediately a woman came over to see how he was and to help us. Her name was Portia and she told me she worked in the education department of the museum (and really loved her job). Employees like this are certainly an asset to your museum. She took her own time to help us and to get some ice for Greg's knee. She stayed with us until the tears stopped and she was sure he could walk.

I can't tell you how much I appreciated her help and kindness. Again, you are fortunate to have such wonderful employees. She certainly was not the only helpful employee we encountered. Every question we asked was answered with great patience and detail, especially in the hands on American Indian exhibit and in the dinosaur exhibits.

When we get back to Chicago we will once again visit the Field Museum because we had such a great experience. We have to get back to see Sue!

Thanks for running a great place for kids of all ages.

Molly Maccracken

Molly Maccracken
999 Harrison Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201

CLEANUP WEEK !!

Coming soon to a Museum near you!

July 12 to 16, 1999

Kickoff Event
Monday, July 12 at 8:30
Stanley Field Hall

Stop by for coffee and donuts
on your way in to work

FURNITURE SWAP UPDATE

If your department has office furniture or other equipment
in good condition which you no longer need,
make a list and submit it to Rodger Patience by Wednesday, July 7.

So far, we have received only 2 lists,
and we know there is much more furniture out there.
If more people send in lists, we will publish them
on the Furniture Swap web page on the Intranet and in the Natural News.

During Cleanup Week, furniture will be moved to the Shipping Dock.
Staff may claim any items which are there, but items must be removed
from the building no later than Friday, July 16 at noon.

All leftover furniture will be picked up by *Creative Reuse*
for recycling and use by teachers and educational institutions.

CLEANUP WEEK !!

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mammalogists showcase science in Seattle

This year's American Society of Mammalogists meeting was held at the University of Washington in Seattle. **Bill Stanley** presented a poster on morphological evolution in a Tanzanian shrew, *Sylvisorex howelli*. **Roland Kays** presented a paper on his dissertation research on kinkajous, a frugivorous carnivore of neotropical forests. **Larry Heaney** presented a paper on long-term dynamics of biodiversity on islands. **Bruce Patterson** described new genetic and morphological studies on African lions.

Bruce and Larry attended the Board of Directors' meetings, and Bruce reported to the society as chair of the new awards committee.

In membership balloting, Larry and former curatorial assistant **Ginny Turner-Erfort** (now a doctoral candidate at UIC) were elected to the Board of Trustees (Larry for his fourth term), and Bruce was elected Vice President. Curiously, FMNH's second curator of mammals, Wilfred H. Osgood (1909-1947), occupied that same position when the 3500-member society was founded in 1919.

But real distinction at the meeting came to Roland, who ended Dave Hafner's (New Mexico Museum of Natural History) lengthy reign as the fleetest mammalogist in the annual 5K Run for Research.

SUE: The saga continues

Almost a year in the making, the June issue of National Geographic features a long and dramatic story on The Field Museum's SUE project and the Geology Department's ongoing preparation and research on the skeleton.

The NGS web site also featured SUE, with a link to The Field Museum's SUE pages. NGS writer Donovan Webster and photographer Ira Block made (oft repeated) visits ot only to the museum, but also to the Boeing facility where the CT scan took place, to the Disney DinoLand USA lab, and to the excavation site, piecing together a compelling story of Sue's discovery, arrival here in Chicago, and scientific and educational importance.

The article emphasizes SUE's scientific significance with stunning photographs of the team behind the scenes and in the public preparation facilities, Brian Cooley's sculpture of the skull (with musculature and also with skin) and last but not least, Chris Brochu's reconstruction of the skull (with an exploded view) from CT scan images and conclusion that SUE "smelled her way through life" (inferred from the huge nasal bulbs on the reconstructed brain).

The article emphasizes that making a fossil "come alive" for scientists and visitors requires painstaking and time-consuming work by a dedicated team of preparators, post-doctoral scientists, curators, exhibit developers, skeleton mounters, and educators.

Following the magazine article, *National Geographic Explorer* featured a 20-minute segment on SUE, with the last half of the television show emphasizing The Field Museum's programs. With the simultaneous opening of our summer exhibit, *SUE: The Inside Story*, the public got a full-force look at the progress we've quickly made on this spectacular fossil.

Summer visitors from around the world

The museum is being enriched this summer by the presence of numerous participants in several of the museum's international training programs and research projects.

Participants in the Conservation Training Consortium with advisors in the Field Museum include Diana Alvira, a botanist from the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia (Robin Foster); Augustus Asamoah, an ornithologist and project officer with the Ghana Wildlife Society (Tom Schulenberg), and Oscar Gonzalez, an ornithologist from the Universidad de San Marcos in Peru (John Bates).

The African Biodiversity Training Program under the direction of Julian Kerbis has sponsored extended visits for George Amutete, collection manager of birds in the National Museums of Kenya and Saidu Maishanu a Nigerian botanist and professor at Islamic Unveristy in Mbale, Uganda.

Together with the Malagasy visitors collaborating with Steve Goodman (see the June 11th issue of Natural News), these researchers offer a great international presence in Academic Affairs for the next several months.

Goerck defends dissertation

On June 23, Jaqueline Goerck of the University of Missouri, St. Louis, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on the ecology and evolution of the antbird genus Drymophila. Jaqueline was trained and conducted all the molecular work for her dissertation in the Museum's Pritzker Laboratory of Molecular Systematics and Evolution with the help of **John Bates, Shannon Hackett,** and **Lee Weigt**.

Submitted by **John Bates**

Important Visa Reminder for All Academic Affairs Staff

If foreign nationals will visit the United States to conduct research or train at The Field Museum, and if they are to receive *any* money from the Museum, please make sure they obtain the appropriate entry visa (B-1, J-1, H-1, WB, etc.). A tourist visa (B-2) prohibits compensation of any kind from a U.S. source, as does entry under the visa waiver for tourism (WT).

Under a B-1 visa (business), foreign visitors may only be paid reasonable reimbursement for incidental expenses, such as accommodations, meals, and travel. They may not be paid any salary, wage, honorarium, stipend or other form of compensation for services rendered from a U.S. source.

The Museum is authorized to issue IAP-66 forms for J-1 visas under the Visitor Exchange Program. The IAP-66 form authorizes employment, and may be valid for one week to three years. Many foreign visitors prefer to enter under a B-1 visa for short stays, as the J-1 visa has the potential of a two-year home residency requirement. The H-1 visa is for long-term, temporary employment.

Please advise your foreign visitors to obtain the appropriate visa for their needs. If you have any questions, please call **Lori Breslauer** at ext. 7808, preferably well in advance of their visit.

MUSEUM AFFAIRS

Kudos for *An Explorer's Guide*

An Explorer's Guide to The Field Museum—currently being sold at the ticket booths, in the Museum Store, and at Borders bookstores throughout the Chicago area—has been selected as one of the 50 best examples of book design in 1998 by the American Institute of Graphic Arts. The AIGA is the nation's most august professional graphic design organization.

The book will be reproduced in the AIGA's annual catalogue, will travel nationally as part of a circulating book exhibition, and will become part of Columbia University's Rare Book and Manuscript Collection.

Submitted by **Sophia Shaw**

Thanks for "Insects: 105 Years of Collecting"

"Insects: 105 Years of Collecting," the new Searle Lounge exhibit, opens to the public on Saturday, July 3, and will be on display through January 3, 2000. A creative and innovative team turned this modest presentation of The Field Museum's vast insect collection into a feast for the eyes with a nostalgic note. Explaining the ways of collecting insects by the Museum this small show presents the most spectacular specimens of rare beetles and butterflies; rare books with amazing illustrative material such as real butterfly wings glued to the pages; vintage photos and fascinating collectors' stories of the past; beautiful amber pieces with insect inclusions; and a number of watercolors made by a professional artist, depicting some "stars" of the insect world from our collection..

Our greatest thanks go to **Dan Summers**, collections manager and creative curator, for his input and support that cannot be overestimated and for bringing the best specimens to the exhibit. Thanks also go to **Bill Ballard**, the head of the Division of Insects, and other Insects staff members who contributed to the exhibit.

Many thanks to **Ben Williams**, librarian, for all his time, dedication, and understanding in supplying the exhibit with treasured fragile rare books. Thanks to **Peggy Macnamara**, watercolor artist, for lending her original works to the exhibit. Thanks to **Melissa Hilton** for letting her amber necklace sit on display for educational purposes, leaving her with a bare neck through the end of the millennium.

Many thanks to our Exhibits staff, knowledgeable, reliable, and hard-working, who gave life to our ideas and made the show happen: **Amanda Flood, David Mendez, Teresa Murray, Mike Paha, John Petreikis, David Quednau**.

Submitted by **Emma Moskalevskaya** and **Ariel Orlov**

MUSEUM CAMPUS NEWS

New Trolleys

Hey, hey! Look for our newly wrapped trolleys on Campus beginning this weekend. They are "wrapped" in the same colorful design as the cover of our brochure and will totally transform the Arizona trolleys with the lasso design currently on Campus. The new colorful trolleys are a definite improvement!

We have extended our trolley service to Taste of Chicago with a stop at the corner of Columbus & Balbo from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Monday, July 5. Take advantage of this

popular service and get a free ride! A total of 4,041 visitors have taken the trolley to the Taste since Friday, June 25.

A grand total of 200,054 Museum Campus visitors have taken the trolley since the beginning of service in late May.

Free Phone Cards

We have some free Ameritech phone cards left over from the Museum Campus Gala held last year. Each phone card has a value of five minutes and expires August 31, 1999. Phone cards are available from our office on a first come, first served basis. We don't have a large supply so there is a five card limit per employee.

Welcome Centers

Have you been to a Welcome Center yet? Take time out to visit one (there is usually one in front of the Shedd) and meet our interns. Test their knowledge and ask them a question or two relating to the Campus or Chicago in general. Ask them about their findings from their ongoing research.

On Tuesdays, a Welcome Center is staffed by museum floor staff personnel from the Field, Adler and Shedd while the interns participate in Discovery Day to discuss their research. Thanks to **Eric Brown** of the Visitor Services department for staffing a Welcome Center from 10 am to noon this past Tuesday. Great job!

Submitted by **Christina Breslow**

STAFF CHANGES

Congratulations!

As of July 1, 1999, **Joe Byrnes** is the Education Department's first Senior Program and Materials Developer. Working in the Educational Media Division, Joe will be responsible for the creative development of gallery guides, resource guides, electronic field trips and more.

Beth Crownover has assumed Joe's former position as Coordinator for Family and Children's Programs in the department's Public Programs Division.

Please join us in welcoming Joe and Beth to their new positions. They are both wonderfully suited to take on their new challenges!

Submitted by **Mary Ellen Munley**

Tom Lammers moves to Wisconsin

Tom Lammers (Botany) will be heading north to join the Biology Department of the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh as an Assistant Professor. With more than two decades of experience working with Midwestern flora, and an enthusiasm for teaching, Tom brings many important skills to his new institution.

Tom came to The Field Museum in 1990 as a world authority on the campanula family and he contributed to many museum functions. We'll miss him here at the Botany Department and we wish him all the best. Stop by the Botany Library on Thursday, July 8 at 3:00 p.m. to bid farewell to Tom and to wish him well in his new position.

Submitted by **Bill Burger**